

## MORE TROUBLE FOR TALENT.

### FOUR FAVORITES MEET SIGNAL DEFEAT AT BENNING.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Many of the regulars will feel relieved when the Benning meeting is at an end, for again to-day form was a mystery with the defeat of four favorites. The weather was once more delirious, and the crowd large, while the horses ran over a fast track once more. Winnif O'Connor, who rode successfully in France this year, turned up at the track and had the mount on Father Dally's Ambergack, who was named in the first race, was defeated by Blue Coat.

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## TO-DAY'S CARD FOR BENNING.

### Maximum Stakes, Three Miles, the Leading Attraction.

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## INCIDENTS AT POULTRY SHOW.

### INSURANCE UNDERWRITERS RAID THE CHICKEN INCUBATORS.

There was a raid, a cockfight and a pigeon race as side incidents yesterday at the show of the Poultry and Pet Stock Breeders' Association in Herald Square Hall, with the judging of cavia, rabbits and poultry specialties as the regular order of business. There was no diminution in interest, and the show held an interested crowd of onlookers both day and evening.

The raid was said to be the first on record ordered by the Board of Insurance Underwriters on a city amusement place. When it was over the incubators were out of business, but fortunately all the breeders were stocked up with little chicks and there will be no corner in the midges to-day.

On Monday morning the underwriters ordered the Poultry and Pet Stock Breeders' Association to forbid the use of oil lamps or gas stoves in the incubators. However, as the use of electric heaters and the aid of such appliances the eggs have been brought to the popping stage in the incubators. But yesterday afternoon the underwriters sent word that the electric heaters must also be banished and a squad of deputies in blue visited the incubators and saw that the exhibitors paid heed to the order. The incubators, in some instances, were allowed to get cold, which meant the spoiling of the hatches, but most of the exhibitors removed the trays of eggs and carried them out of the building warmly wrapped up in cotton batting.

There was a cockfight in the cockpit, which was an accidental one. J. H. Irwin, an exhibitor of pit games, had lodged a protest against the awards made by the Judge, A. J. Hurley, who had been the referee. The ground that his entries had not been fairly tried. The Irwin birds are of the Lord Derby red strain, and as handsome as the game fowls in an English old sporting print.

It was particularly noted that the Irwin cock birds, in which D. G. Hetfield's red pyles had been placed first and second, Judge Cornell's red pyle third and the Irwin brown fourth.

In the interest of harmony, Dr. Paul K. Irwin, president of the Poultry and Pet Stock Breeders' Association, talked the matter over with Mr. Irwin and finally induced him to withdraw his protest. The argument was on Dr. K. Irwin had taken out the two Hetfield roosters, and with one under either arm had pointed out various reasons to justify the ratings of the Judge.

Dr. K. Irwin turned to the cockbirds he had foot spoiled, and in trying to save himself from a fall he allowed the two game cocks to escape. As soon as they touched the floor the game cocks sprang at each other like bulldogs. They battled each other for some time, and pecked for the eyes, all in a flash. There were feathers flying at once, but Mr. Irwin grabbed one of the birds and lifted it, while Dr. K. Irwin turned to the cockbirds he had foot spoiled, and in trying to save himself from a fall he allowed the two game cocks to escape.

They were only fooling," was Hetfield's comment. "My birds wouldn't fight unless articles were signed, now, I'm off selling game cocks and roosters." Mr. Irwin had ordered me to ship 'em down to W. C. Carnegie, Jr., at Fernandina, Fla., where he owns an island.

Then all hands set off to the roof to see the start. Men, women and children climbed over the winding flights of iron stairs and gathered on the large, open roof in a large circle about the basket and the starting judges. Prof. Tripple, who was the referee, and the other judges, Mr. A. A. Parker and Dr. J. H. Irwin, were on the roof.

At 3:30 o'clock the flocks opened the lid of the basket and the flock of blue pigeons darted out, heading toward Central Park. There was no wind, but the haze in the atmosphere made the sun seem like a big copper disk.

Handing together in a flock, the pigeons described a series of great circles as they whirled higher and higher. The crowd on the roof was a sea of heads, and the pigeons were a sea of blue.

Then, when high above Madison Square and the crowd on the roof, the pigeons set off with the speed of an arrow and as straight as a line.

The spectators who had been watching the gyrations of the flock with craning necks and breathless interest, now turned their backs to the flock and looked toward the city.

They were looking for the "Jerry" (Jerry, they called him) who was the favorite of the crowd. He was a small, dark, round man, with a large nose and a wide smile.

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## HAGGIN YEARLINGS AT AUCTION.

### Trainer J. G. Keene Pays \$2,000 for a Colt by Baseline.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 2.—At the Haggin auction sale of thoroughbred yearlings to-day ninety-seven head of yearlings under the hammer, and they elicited spirited bidding, the top price, \$2,000, for a Baseline colt, being paid by the noted young trainer, J. G. Keene, who has been for two years in Russia. The best sales:

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### TIMELY BOXING TALK.

#### Battling Nelson's Match With Jimmy Britt and His Chances of Victory.

Battling Nelson is now matched to meet Jimmy Britt. The bout, which is to be held this month, was made without any trouble. The two men have fought before, and the business acumen of the rivals, for they realize what a great financial proposition the mill is. No matter who wins, if deductions do not go amiss, both will be liberally rewarded.

It can be fairly said that in meeting Britt Nelson will have the taste of his career, but he has not unduly a great light weight the Dane's record equals his in every shape and way. There is little to choose between them so far as field standing is concerned. Nelson, if anything, looms up as Britt's superior, but the latter may have a better chance of victory.

Just now he appears to have more than even break. The only thing that his backers will have to fear is that he may not be "right" on the night of the mill. Nelson, it must be remembered, has done a lot of fighting lately, and the training which he has had is particularly good. He has been in some of the best of his life.

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